

Amendments to the Specification

Please **replace** the paragraphs beginning at page 1, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~-- Reference is hereby made to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60,373,204, entitled EQUALIZER MODE SWITCH and filed in the names of Inventors Markman, Park, Heo and Gelfand on April 17, 2002 and whereof the benefit of priority is hereby claimed and whereof the disclosure is herein incorporated by reference.~~

~~----- Reference is hereby also made to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/373,205, entitled EQUALIZER/FEC MODE SWITCH and filed in the names of Inventors Park, Heo, Markman, and Gelfand on April 17, 2002 and whereof the benefit of priority is hereby claimed and whereof the disclosure is herein incorporated by reference.~~

~~----- Reference is hereby also made to copending U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/372,970, entitled ARCHITECTURE FOR A DECISION FEEDBACK EQUALIZER and filed in the names of the present inventors Heo, Markman, Park and Gelfand on April 16, 2002 and whereof the benefit of priority is hereby claimed and whereof the disclosure is herein incorporated by reference.~~

This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/US03/11028, filed April 11, 2003, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on October 30, 2003 in English and which claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/373,204, filed April 17, 2002. --